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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was no better than steady, yet firm in the West. Demand was slow to moderate, best into fast food, with pre-holiday interest not as strong as anticipated; however, in the West, demand was good and offerings confidently held. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs with numerous plants processing Saturday. In the parts structure, availability was at least adequate, but better balanced for wings and leg quarters. Trading was light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/03-07/08/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-62.00	48.17	23
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-60.00	43.00-64.00	59.90	85
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
590	55.42-60.75	59.28
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	139.50	3,351
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,158
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	618
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	7,485
WINGS	51.00	2,398
THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.		

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Movement entering the holiday weekend had improved in some areas, but was not close to the anticipated interest normally associated with July 4th. Supplies continued to exceed demand with a few plants running full schedules Saturday which will increase availability even more. In the parts structure, trading was sluggish to moderate, best for wings. Supplies were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices 1 cent higher than last week. Market tone firm. Trading for next week's deliveries were at higher prices. Offerings barely adequate and confidently held. Retail demand generally good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Trade sentiment fully steady on leg quarters and about steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: S. CA - whole body 59-89, leg quarters 49-69, whole legs 97, drumsticks 59-99, thighs 59-99, wings 69-99, bone-in breasts 97-129, boneless breasts 179-199, boneless leg meat 98-119; N. CA - whole body 69-79 and cut-up 85, leg quarters 69, drumsticks 99, thighs 99, bone-in breasts 99, boneless breasts 299-399 and cornish hens 169.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The preliminary majority for next week's trading into Chicago was unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment about steady. Offerings of additional product available for the nonaggressive buyer interest. Movement into retail and food service channels improved with orders to some extent heavier than normal for the expected increase in demand for the holiday. Movement into resort areas in the Great Lakes Region was fairly good with the anticipation of increased activity over the Fourth of July. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate, weights mostly desirable. Parts trading moderate to active on dark meat items and wings, balance of items trading was slow to fairly good, mostly light. Supplies fully adequate or available for the limited trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all parts.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued light. Offerings were more than sufficient in handling the limited demand. Retail and distributive movement was slow to fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, supplies were generally adequate to ample. Wings were in the best position and moving well.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointingly below pre-holiday projections. Seller offerings generally varied by size and or volume available, but were more than sufficient to handle current buying interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in the full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy and reflected several plants operating on Saturday. However, no operations were scheduled for the holiday on Tuesday, July 4th. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, except for wings clearances were difficult.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	51-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.81
NO. OF BOXES	9,701
CUMULATIVE	06/26/00-06/30/00 55.83
	06/28/99-07/02/99 60.70
NO. OF BOXES	06/26/00-06/30/00 48,044
	06/28/99-07/02/99 35,049

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 29, 2000

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JUNE 30, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	714	115.00-191.00	130-140	133.77	779	115.00-191.00	130-140	134.48	3,510	134.46
TENDERLOINS	174	155.00-200.00	155-160	161.03	275	158.00-200.00	-	174.18	1,117	167.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	70.00-75.00	-	70.50	80	70.00-75.00	70-72	70.50	368	70.26
FRONT HALVES	70	51.00-55.00	-	53.00	TOO FEW TO REPORT				420	53.29
LEGS	84	27.00-37.00	-	27.48	84	27.00-37.00	27-29	27.48	396	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	647	17.00-20.00	17-19	17.53	607	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.30	2,975	17.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,230	19.00-22.00	21-22	20.92	1,510	19.00-22.00	21-22	20.99	6,444	20.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	81	44.00-50.00	-	47.41	108	45.00-52.00	47-49	48.56	439	48.54
WINGS (CUT)	496	51.00-77.00	55-56	55.93	506	51.00-77.00	54-56	57.03	2,287	55.99
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				235	35.90
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				148	37.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				84	62.10

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 29, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 37.50

35.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 30, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 38.00

35.40

35.38

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was not typical of a Friday preceding the 4th of July. Trading had increased only slightly and was light to fair. Offerings of wings were no more than adequate and all other offerings were at least adequate. Many plants have planned to operate Saturday. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate with features generating the best interest. The market tone was about steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	JUNE 29, 2000			JUNE 30, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	135.29	603,520	130136.54	621,600	134.772,842,660
TENDERLOINS	150-155	160.79	172,600	150-155160.04	189,840	159.08 802,140
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.36	436,520	63-6470.51	351,120	70.12 1,749,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.01	147,200	6363.0299,440	62.53	501,240
LEGS	35-36	37.31	558,440	36.92257,320	37.29	1,431,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.22	638,983	25.55634,416	24.96	2,639,307
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	38.31	165,560	38.89148,090	37.97	756,310
THIGHS	23-24	28.74	243,000	34.28166,350	31.32	812,090
B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.09	70,360	88.8073,760	89.13	323,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	65.57	357,560	64.61392,800	64.45	1,737,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.20	94,560	12.0388,520	12.06	361,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.91	54,480	34.1868,840	34.14	289,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.99	96,160	44.78 112,840	44.86	495,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	AVG				AVG			
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS
ALA	5,069	3,986	4,002	3,983	4.91 5.04	4,237	4.98	
ARK	6,190	5,276	5,048	5,203	4.82 4.82	6,234	4.81	
DELMARVA	3,586	2,412	2,451	2,435	5.13 5.08	2,775	5.16	
KY-LA-TN	2,761	2,124	2,065	2,079	4.37 4.47	2,054	4.35	
MISS	3,711	2,525	2,769	2,843	4.97 5.17	3,084	4.99	
NC	2,589	2,723	2,592	2,578	5.74 6.01	3,089	5.75	
TEXAS	2,453	2,320	2,357	2,160	4.78 4.61	2,446	4.76	
TOTAL	26,359	21,366	21,284	21,281	4.96 5.00	23,919	4.97	
MON-FRI	112,677(A)					107,870(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jun & 0 1-Jul-00 is estimated to be 39,436,000 up 26.51 percent from a week ago and up 7.4 percent from a year ago. Last week 31,173,000; last year 36,728,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Jul-00 is estimated to be 162,791,000 head up 2.0 percent from a week ago, and up 1.7 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,663,000 Last year 160,052,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK102-104
	ICE PACK 92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK106-111
	DRY PACK112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 94
DUCKS	148-160

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jun 17, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	30,772	28,474	43,980
Avg Weight	3.73	4.72	5.96
% of total /1	30%	28%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	35,953	31,957	49,323
Avg Weight	3.81	4.72	6.00
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,629	23,903	43,563
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	5.99
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
To date/2000	803,941	767,445	996,780
To date/1999	780,826	664,987	1,054,286

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 24-Jun-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	159,663 (A)	1,954	1,664	3,618	446
AVG WT	5.03	3.37	7.67	5.34	6.55
LAST WEEK	159,718	1,884	1,632	3,516	467
YR AGO	159,424	2,157	1,461	3,618	418
AVG WT	5.05	3.35	7.84	5.17	7.12
2000	3,858,680	49,925	35,211	85,136	11,291
1999	3,780,077	54,610	33,902	88,512	11,064

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.3 million head or 11.1 million head more than or 93 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 27, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.36	Geese 9-14	.12 - .18
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.34	Pigeons	2.35 - 2.85ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .82	Rabbits 4-6	.70 - 1.02
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .84	Rabbits 7-11	.60 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - 1.10	Bunnies	.35 - 1.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.24	Guinea Pigs	.35 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - 2.10	Goats	40.00 - 49.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.50ea.	Kid Goats	24.00 - 31.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Doves	3.50 - 6.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .24	Chukars	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .52	Pullets 4-6	.60 - .82
Silgies	2.75 - 3.50ea.	Total Coops Sold	772

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

Heinsey's Poultry Auction will be closed July 4th week.

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 26-JUN-2000

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	49-50	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66-83	73-81

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged from last week. The trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was mostly good. Sizes were desirable to at times heavy. Slaughter schedules were full time to over time this week in preparation for the upcoming holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 26-JUN-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MAY	20	160.8	157.2	102	5.08
	27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
JUNE	3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
	10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
	24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
YEAR TO DATE		3905.7	3832.3	102	
JULY	1		158.7		
	8		157.7		

#### **CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** W/E 24-Jun-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,392 HD, 22,004 lbs., Light Hens 186 HD, 573 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	07/01/00	07/24/00	% CHG	07/03/99	% CHG
Broilers	162,791	159,663	+02	160,052	+02
Cattle	725	730	-01	709	+02
Hogs	1,778	1,782	0	1,854	-04

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were about unchanged on light cannery but still trending lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of cannery were sufficient for trade needs. Most plants were on reduced slaughter schedules, and supplies were being reduced. However, demand was also light as some cookers were on holiday operating schedules. The undertone was generally steady on lights, and improved but still weak on heavy cannery.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** **(WITHOUT NECKS)**

23-25.75 MAJORITY 26.75-29 MAJORITY 27-29

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** **(WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-26 MAJORITY 28.75-31 MAJORITY 29-31

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Offerings continue to be fully adequate for the unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were generally on holiday schedules. Finished product was clearing but adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to usually ample for current needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

### **LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	0 (1)	TFEWR
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced for next week. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week with inventories of dressed product in better balance. Frozen supplies remain fully adequate for needed. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

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